

REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated September 9, 2004, the Examiner states that Claims 1-8 are pending, Claims 1 and 4-7 are rejected, Claims 2 and 3 are objected to and Claim 8 is allowed. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

In the Office Action, Claims 1 and 4-7 are rejected, but Claims 2 and 3 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Claim 8 is allowed.

The Applicant has amended Claims 2 and 3 into independent form. Previous Claims 1 and 7 are cancelled. Claims 4-6 are amended to depend from Claim 2. New Claims 9-11 are exactly the same as Claims 4-6, but depend from Claim 3. Thus, each of the independent claims now contain allowable subject matter.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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